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comprising reacting an antibody of claim 57 with the bodily fluid and detecting, by immunoassay, the amount of antibody complex with the protein.

62. (New) The nucleic acid of claim 49, comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID No. 8.

REMARKS

Claims 1-62 are pending. Claims 40-48 have been withdrawn. Applicants reserve the right to pursue these claims in the instant or in a related patent application. If there are any questions raised by this submission, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned at (617)832-1754.

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